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REGIONAL OFFICE WEEKLY REPORT

REPORTS CONTINUE TO STATE THAT ABNORMALLY COOL WEATHER IN THE WESTERN PRODUCTION AREAS IS RETARDING THE GROWTH OF PLANTED COTTON AND INDICATIONS ARE PREVALENT THAT UNLESS THERE IS AN UPWARD TREND IN TEMPERATURES, FARMERS WILL HAVE TO DO CONSIDERABLE REPLANTING. EVIDENTLY THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF GOOD PLANTING SEED IN SOME SECTIONS.

THE PREPARATION OF INDIVIDUAL GIN AND GROUP REPORTS CONTINUES AT A NORMAL RATE, AND WE ARE HOPEFUL OF COMPLETING THIS PHASE OF OUR WORK IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

STEPS WERE TAKEN THIS WEEK TO HAVE MR. ROY K. DORR, THE COTTON INSULATION INSPECTOR AT LOS ANGELES, ASSIST IN GATHERING MARKET NEWS INFORMATION FOR US. BY VISITING OUR VARIOUS SOURCES OF INFORMATION REGULARLY IN LOS ANGELES, WE FEEL THAT PERHAPS MR. DORR WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT DETAILS WHICH WILL BE HELPFUL IN THE PREPARATION OF OUR WEEKLY RELEASE.

QUOTATIONS FROM FIELD OFFICE WEEKLY REPORTS

BAKERSFIELD - WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN ALL BUT GOOD THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE VALLEY. COLD, CLOUDY DAYS PREVAILED PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE WEEK WITH INTERMITTENT RAINS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS, WHICH HAS ALMOST BROUGHT ABOUT A COMPLETE STOPPAGE OF ALL FARMING OPERATIONS. MR. L. B. NCURSE, MANAGER, CALIFORNIA PLANTING COTTON SEED DISTRIBUTORS HAS JUST INFORMED US

THAT FULLY FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PLANTED COTTON ACREAGE MAY HAVE TO BE REPLANTED. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN SOME OF THE ACREAGE WILL NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE PLANTED TO "GIN RUN SEED", SINCE THE SUPPLY OF "CERTIFIED SEED" IS DANGEROUSLY LOW. FINAL GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL GIN REPORTS WERE MAILED TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED IN KERN, TULARE AND MADERA COUNTIES. OTHERS WILL BE MAILED PROMPTLY UPON THEIR RECEIPT FROM OUR REGIONAL OFFICE. PAPER WORK INCIDENT TO PREPARING OUR RELEASE FOR FINAL DISPOSITION WAS ALMOST COMPLETED. WE ARE GLAD TO REPORT THAT IT IS NOW APPARENT THAT WE WILL AGAIN OBTAIN A FURTHER REDUCTION IN SPACE RENT. OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED THE FIGURING OF OUR OVERALL OPERATIONAL COST FROM JULY 1, 1943 TO APRIL 15, 1944 INCLUSIVE - THIS COST AMOUNTED TO 11.81 CENTS PER BALE. HAD WE BEEN FORTUNATE IN BEING LOCATED IN A FEDERALLY-OWNED BUILDING THIS COST WOULD HAVE AMOUNTED TO ONLY 9.77 CENTS. MR. H. P. HENRY, SENIOR MARKETING SPECIALIST OF THE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA HAS BEEN DETAILED HERE FOR THE DURATION OF THE POTATO SEASON AND WILL OCCUPY ONE OF OUR OFFICES. IT WAS FELT THAT SINCE THIS OCCUPANCY WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH OUR WORK HE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE IN OUR QUARTERS. A TRIP IS PLANNED TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF THE COMING WEEK FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING CALLS ON THE COTTON TRADE WITH REFERENCE TO MARKET NEWS WORK. AT THE SUGGESTION OF MR. LANHAM, MR. ROY K. DORR, AGENT FOR THE "COTTON INSULATION PROGRAM", ALSO WILL ACCOMPANY THE WRITER IN MAKING THESE CALLS IN ORDER TO BECOME ACQUAINTED WITH THE TRADE AND ALSO THE HANDLING OF MARKET NEWS, SO THAT IN THE FUTURE WE WILL BE ABLE TO CALL UPON HIM TO MAKE THESE CONTACTS FOR US. THE DEMAND AS REPORTED BY MOST FIRMS HAS BEEN EXTREMELY DULL DURING THE PAST WEEK, ALTHOUGH SEVERAL REPORTS WERE RECEIVED INDICATING LIMITED DEMAND FOR THE GRADES STRICT MIDDLING AND MIDDLING, 1 1/16 AND 1 3/32 INCH STAPLES. TRADING IN EQUITIES IS REPORTED AS VERY QUIET AT THE PRESENT TIME.....SMITH.

EL PASO - THE TEMPERATURE HAS WARMED UP SOME IN THE PAST FEW DAYS AND HIGH WINDS HAVE SOMEWHAT SUBSIDED, BUT THE WIND STILL BLOWS RATHER HIGH AT INTERVALS DURING THE DAY, SUBSIDING MOSTLY AT NIGHT. PLANTING IS GOING STEADILY FORWARD, THOUGH NOT BEING RUSHED ON ACCOUNT OF POOR PLANTING WEATHER. POSSIBLY 65% OF THE COTTON ACREAGE IS NOW PLANTED BUT ONLY A SMALL PERCENT OF THIS AMOUNT IS UP TO GOOD STANDS. THE COTTON IS COMING UP VERY SLOWLY, AND STILL IS IN THE DOUBTFUL STAGE IN REGARD TO COMING UP TO NORMAL STAND. WE WERE GLAD TO HAVE MR. DEAN STAHMANN, OF MESILLA, N.M. PAY US A VISIT THIS WEEK. WE HAVE COMPLETED MAILING OUT OUR ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL GIN AND GROUP REPORTS, BOTH FOR NEW MEXICO AND DISTRICT 6 OF TEXAS. WE HAVE BEEN PREPARING AND ASSEMBLING LETTERS AND FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH SD WORK FOR THE COMING SEASON, ALSO WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING SOME MIMEOGRAPH FORMS IN CONNECTION WITH OUR ROUTINE OFFICE WORK, WHICH WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE COMING SEASON. MR. BUTTERWORTH IS STILL IN PHOENIX ASSISTING MR. CRITTENDON. MR. MACKELIL HAS BEEN OUT ON A COUPLE OF SHORT ONE-DAY ROAD TRIPS IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF EL PASO. THE WRITER AND MR. MACKELIL ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO NEW MEXICO, POSSIBLY NEXT WEEK, IN CONNECTION WITH S.D. WORK IN GENERAL AND POSSIBLE ORGANIZATION OF ONE OR TWO NEW ORGANIZED GROUPS. THERE IS VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY IN THE SPOT COTTON MARKET IN THE EL PASO AND NEW MEXICO AREA. INQUIRIES ARE LIGHT AND THE BASIS WEAK, NEITHER LOCAL SHIPPERS OR MILL INTERESTS SEEM ANXIOUS TO DO A FORWARD BUSINESS.....NISBETT.

PHOENIX - SCATTERED SHOWERS FELL OVER THE STATE THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK. HOWEVER, THE WINDY WEATHER WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING, DRIED THE GROUND VERY QUICKLY, AND PRACTICALLY NO TIME WAS LOST IN FARMING OPERATIONS. COTTON PLANTING IS IN FULL SWING, AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SIXTY-FIVE OR SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE COTTON HAS BEEN PLANTED. ALL OF THE GINS IN THE STATE HAVE CLOSED DOWN FOR THE SEASON. LETTUCE HARVESTING IS JUST ABOUT COMPLETED, AND MOST OF THE PACKING SHEDS HAVE CLOSED DOWN, THE SALT RIVER VALLEY HAVING ALREADY SHIPPED OUT SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY CARLOADS. CLASSING CONSISTED MOSTLY OF CCC SXP COTTON, ALTHOUGH AS WE EXPECTED, THERE WAS A LAST MINUTE RUSH OF A FEW SMALL LOTS OF SMITH-DOXEY, FORM A AND GOVERNMENT LOAN. WE ARE CLASSING APPROXIMATELY TWO THOUSAND SAMPLES A WEEK OF THE SXP COTTON, AND HOPE TO FINISH THIS WORK ABOUT THE THIRTEENTH OF MAY. THE COTTON MARKET CONTINUES TO BE DORMANT, AND UNLESS THE DEMAND PICKS UP, IT APPEARS THAT MOST OF THIS YEAR'S CROP WILL REMAIN IN THE GOVERNMENT LOAN.....CRITTENDON.

LOS ANGELES - WEATHER HAS BEEN CLOUDY MOST OF THE PAST WEEK, WITH ABOUT A HALF-INCH OF RAIN WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND THURSDAY AND HAIL IN SOME PARTS OF THE CITY. TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 48 AND 70 DEGREES. PRODUCTION FOR THIS WEEK WILL BE ABOUT 20,000 NET POUNDS OF COTTON. THERE SHOULD BE SOME INCREASE DURING THE COMING WEEK. SHIPMENTS MADE SINCE LAST WEEKLY REPORT TOTALLED 17,390 NET POUNDS OF COTTON, MAKING A TOTAL OF 69,475 NET POUNDS SHIPPED TO DATE ON THIS ALLOTMENT.....DORR.

# COTTON CLASSED, WESTERN REGION, THROUGH APRIL 28, 1944.

	WEEK	SEASON						TOTAL
	TOTAL	CROP	O.G.	FORM A	LOAN	FUTURES	OTHERS	
BAKERSFIELD	262		327,024	3154			958	331,136
EL PASO	NONE		175,306	760			4065	180,131
PHOENIX	1692		122,946	192	292		1600	125,030
TOTAL	1954		625,276	4106	292		6623	636,297

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